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The Honorable John M.W. Moorlach Chairman Orange County Board of Supervisors Hall of Administration 333 W. Santa Ana Blvd Santa Ana, CA 92701

## Dear Chairman Moorlach:

I am requesting to add an item to the 10/16/12 Board of Supervisors Agenda. The attached Agenda Staff Report is recommending that the Board of Supervisors designate the 401 §. Tusting Mental Health Campus in the City of Orange as the "Juliette A. Poulson Behavioral Health Campus" with the informal name of "Poulson Campus" in honor of former Health Care Agency Director Juliette A. Poulson.

Julie Poulson retired from the HCA in March of 2009, after 8 years as Agency Director, and 19 years in Behavioral Health Services. While I had the privilege of knowing Julie as an administrator in her role as Agency Director, she began her career almost four decades earlier as a charge nurse in the Orange County Medical Center Department of Child Psychiatry. Shortly thereafter in 1971, she obtained employment with the Health Care Agency as a mental health nurse.

For the next decade, Julie worked her way up through the Agency, building many of Orange County's first community-based and inpatient treatment programs for the mentally ill. In 1973, Julie implemented the first Day Treatment program in South Orange County for mentally-ill adults that included clients with dual substance abuse problems. In the aftermath of the Vietnam War, Julie developed social rehabilitation programs as a service chief in HCA's Alcohol, Drug Mental Health Services division. In the late 1970's she secured criminal justice grant funding for 24-hour youth shelter programs and school-based mental health services for high school students.

In 1982, when Julie was appointed division manager of HCA's Adult Inpatient & Specialized Services, she developed the County's first crisis stabilization and correctional programs. Julie initiated the County's Evaluation and Treatment Services (ETS) program. Today, the ETS still serves as the County's entry into the mental health inpatient system. Julie also developed the

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County's first correctional programs for mentally disturbed patients in County jails. Under her leadership, a strong correctional mental health team was assembled to develop several programs including the Alternative Treatment Program, Substance Abuse Recovery Program for Women, and the Conditional Release Program for mentally ill offenders. Today, HCA has an individual division dedicated for Correctional Medical Services, which includes special treatment for the mentally ill incarcerated.

Juliette A. Poulson served with distinction for 38 years before retiring. Her list of professional accomplishments and experience far exceeds the few examples that I have noted above. As Third District Supervisor, I am honored to recommend the naming of our 401 S. Tustin Mental Health Campus in Julie's honor. The 401 S. Tustin Campus is the first of its kind in the nation. The facility offers workforce training, wellness and recovery programs, and crisis residential treatment for our residents living with mental illness. It is only fitting that Orange County's first and only comprehensive mental health campus be named in honor Julie, Orange County's pioneer and long-serving crusader for Orange County's mentally ill.

Sincerely,

BILL CAMPBELL V Supervisor, Third District,

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